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Senior Interagency Group No. 23

PARTICIPANTS: See List Attached

DATE AND TIME: January 18, 1983, 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: Deputy Secretary's Conference Room 7219, Department of State

SUBJECT: SIG Meeting on Transfer of Strategic Technology,
January 18

SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS

The SIG received short progress reports on agenda items A-H (see attached sheet). On item E, Soviet Access to Western Data Bases, a budgetary problem was raised. It was suggested that interested agencies explore joint funding to begin the study. On item F, Interagency Communications, it was reported that equipment supply was a factor limiting expansion of the FORDTIS system. On item H, it was noted that a pilot training program will shortly be inaugurated at FSI.

The SIG then heard reports on efforts to strengthen COCOM, including the list review process already underway, and on plans to begin a series of bilateral talks on enforcement and harmonization. The merits of including the latter subject in Secretary Shultz' Asian agenda were discussed, as was the question of how best to treat bilateral talks in the context of existing Customs and other information channels. Commerce set forth a schedule for harmonization talks focused on European governments in February and March and Japan in April.

Deputy Assistant Secretary Niles briefed the SIG on the status of U.S. efforts to establish an agreement with Austria to increase security for U.S.-origin technology.

Assistant Secretary of Commerce Brady briefed the SIG on progress toward revising the Export Administration Act which will expire on September 30. Three ACEP meetings have been

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held, and an Undersecretaries meeting is scheduled for January 26. Senator Garn plans hearings on the structure of the U.S. export control authority beginning February 3.

Mr. Frankum of OSTP outlined an interagency study being conducted under his chairmanship on the subject of scientific communication and national security. Completion of a draft NSDD on the subject was scheduled for March 1.

The SIG closed with a discussion of technology transfer policy toward China. A case in point had been brought before the EARB on January 17, without resolution. Commerce expressed its intention to seek clarification of the President's policy toward technology trade with China. Defense proposed a study of the feasibility of establishing a government-to-government agreement with China to deal with dual-use sales.

ACTION ASSIGNMENTS

1. Defense agreed to complete its position paper on digital switching controls as soon as possible.

2. Commerce proposed to explore a joint funding approach to the study of Soviet access to Western data bases. The Chairman endorsed the proposal.

3. State will pursue its talks with Austria with the objective of reaching agreement in early February.

5. The SIG Special Projects Committee undertook to prepare a detailed action plan for Japan for consideration in the February meeting.

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AGENDA

SIG on the Transfer of Strategic Technology
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- I. Opening Statement
- II. Interim Progress Reports
 - A. Visa Controls
 - B. Digital Switching Policy
 - C. Public Awareness Campaign
 - D. Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance Treaties
 - E. Soviet Access to Western Data Bases
 - F. Interagency Communications System
 - G. Intelligence Studies
 - H. USG Training Programs
- III. Items for Discussion
 - A. Strengthening COCOM
 - B. Bilaterals on Enforcement and Harmonization
 - C. Revision of Export Administration Act
 - D. Prospective Austrian Agreement
 - E. Follow-up to Japan Study
 - F. Technology Transfer Study of France
 - G. NSSD on Scientific Communication and National Security
 - H. Technology Transfer Policy to China
- IV. Other Business